



## Congressional Update...

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### The First Year: By the Numbers

- **3 committee assignments**
  - **Armed Services: Readiness Subcommittee and Air & Land Subcommittee**
  - **Foreign Affairs: Western Hemisphere Subcommittee**
  - **Science and Technology: Vice Chairperson of Energy & Environment Subcommittee**

- **16 bills and amendments introduced – 7 have been signed into law, while a total of 12 have passed the House, the remaining are awaiting committee action**

#### **Signed into law:**

- **Tunnel Enforcement Act (H.R. 4326)**
  - **SCAAP Funding increase Amendment to the House CJS Appropriations**
  - **Solar Energy Research and Advancement Act (H.R. 2774)**
  - **Safe and Effective Drug Development Act (H.R. 2592)**
  - **Advanced Research Projects Agency (H.R. 364)**
  - **2 amendments to H.R. 362, the “10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds” Act**
- **167 bills and resolutions co-sponsored**
  - **18 floor speeches on immigration, 43 floor speeches total**
  - **32 trips home since taking the oath of office in January with 15 trips to Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties**
  - **1 Border Security Summit attended by 75 officials from the U.S. and Mexico**
  - **2 Education Summits attended by more than 300 constituents**
  - **2 bipartisan Congressional delegations to the Middle East (Iraq, Kuwait and Israel)**
  - **2 Congressional delegations to congressional district 8 (Border Security and Armed Services)**
  - **5 Checkpoint workgroup meetings and 12 subcommittee meetings with 27 workgroup members and more than 500 participants**
  - **5 Advisory Councils – Veterans, Military, Health Care, Senior and Aging, and Solar Energy with a total of 121 members**



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- **7 on-site workplace town halls with major employers in the area**
  - Raytheon Missile Systems
  - Advanced Ceramics
  - IBM
  - Cox Communications
  - Breault Research Organization
  - UPS
  - Home Depot
- **10 “Congress on Your Corner” events attended by more than 1200 constituents**
- **Offices or office hours in 9 communities including Douglas, Green Valley, Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Vail, and Willcox**
- **1,980 constituent cases opened and 1559 closed (94% favorably)**
- **79,228 constituent contacts received by email, telephone, fax or mail**
- **18 meetings or events on solar energy**
- **31 issue forums and town halls with topics including border security, military readiness, Medicare, immigration, veteran’s issues, preventing fraud and identity theft, and foreign affairs.**
- **7 video or teleconference town halls on issues including immigration, FEMA, No Child Left Behind, health care, Head Start, the farm bill and education in science and mathematics**
- **190 meetings and events in Arizona**
- **163 days the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress was in session in 2007, compared to 101 days the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress was in session in 2006**
- **1,128 bills passed by the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress in 1 year, compared to 1,457 passed by the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2 years**